

Building new words

Many of the new words in the **Cambridge Learner's Dictionary** are made from joining two or more existing words together, for example *house husband* or *Internet dating*. Sometimes you can guess the meaning of the new word from the meaning of the words that form it, but not always! Learning these words is a great way to increase your range of vocabulary.

A. Can you match a word in column 1 with a word in column 2 to make twelve new words from the *Cambridge Learner's Dictionary*?

1	2
cyber	friendly
Chelsea	dating
slow	factor
personal	food
big	husband
cabin	screen
climate-	slacking
digital	up
touch	camera
house	crew
Internet	tractor
latte	trainer

Can you work out the meaning of each of the new words? Check the definitions in the **Cambridge Learner's Dictionary**.

B. Fill the gaps in the following text using the new words from the dictionary.

speed	quality time	personal trainer	people carrier
personal organiser	noise pollution	latte	Internet dating
me time	love life	slow food	four-wheel drive

Evan's (a) _____ had not been going well lately, and he had just broken up with his new girlfriend. He couldn't understand why really; Ana had just sent him a text saying she needed a break, and more (b) _____. She also said she was trying to save money and cut out the (c) _____ factor in her life.

Oh well, maybe he'd try (d) _____. Anyway, Evan was an ambitious young man and really wanted to get on in his career.

He sighed as he tried to make sense of love, and decided to get some fresh air. Should he go out for a drive in his wonderful new (e) _____? Yes, it was a big vehicle but great to drive! Anyway he would go out of town to the countryside; no (f) _____ there.

His thoughts wandered and he suddenly felt hungry. He wondered if the local café might have some of those delicious (g) _____ dishes on the menu?

A big (h) _____ drove past him full of lively children chatting and laughing. That reminded him that his nephew, Bobby, would be eight in a few days' time. He must check his (i) _____ to confirm the date and venue for Bobby's party. He always enjoyed spending some (j) _____ with his sister and her adorable sons.

Hummm, yes, he would cancel his session at the gym with his (k) _____ and just go home and relax. Maybe call Ana? Or should he think about trying that (l) _____ dating idea that Max had told him about? Talking with people for a short time must mean that first impressions are very important.

